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### Effects on Hatchet Ranch of transmission project

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Dear Sirs,

I live on East Hatchet Ranch, Pueblo, CO 81004. A number of concerns have been brought to my attention regarding your project's impact on the ranch as a whole:

I-256-001

1. Health - The electro-magnetic fields (EMFs), which high-voltage lines produce, have long been thought to cause cancer. Even the representative at the informational meeting could not guaran

I-256-002

2. Views - Obviously, if the line is built near a home, the views are going to be hard to get used to. The structures will be 100 to 150 feet tall, so if the Wolfenberger corridor is selected, we will m

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3. Environment - We have wintering elk here. We also have many other animals including Swift Fox, which is becoming increasingly scarce, and Burrowing Owl, also a species of concern. Rap nest on, in the case of raptors) and could be electrocuted, although your info sheet states that "generally the electrical components are far enough apart that a bird can avoid contact with two of hitting the towers at night (I don't think anything can be done about this...?).

I-256-004

We chose our land because there were no huge power lines. There are gorgeous views, lots of wildlife, peace and quiet and privacy. Having the lines cutting through Hatchet could affect all of the reas couple of years; then people get used to them. I find that hard to believe, and I ask if you would buy a \$500,000 home within sight of these high-voltage lines, never mind if the lines were close to the h

Yours faithfully

Mrs. S. H. Merl

<http://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&ik=760671f559&view=pt&search=inbox&msg...> 9/22/2009

### I-256-001: Electrical Characteristics (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Electrical characteristics of the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-256-002: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to visual and aesthetic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-256-003: Wildlife (In Review)

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### I-256-004: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

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